

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:94
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2003
PRODUCTION OF PADDY SUGARCANE AND WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a fall in the production of wheat, paddy and sugarcane in the country during the last three years and in the current year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of remedial steps taken by the Government;
- (c) the details of paddy, sugarcane and wheat produced during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the support price of wheat fixed by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.94 DUE FOR REPLY ON 24TH FEBRUARY, 2003.

(a): The estimated production of wheat, paddy and sugarcane in the country during the years 1999-2000 to 2002-03 is given in the table below:-

(Million tones)

Crop	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03#
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Wheat	76.37	69.68	71.81	68.89
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Paddy##	134.50	131.61	139.74	116.59
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Sugarcane	299.32	295.96	300.10	285.36
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Second Advance Estimates as on 10.2.2003

Rice production is normally estimated as two-third of paddy production.

It may be seen from this table that while the production of wheat, paddy and sugarcane had declined during 2000-01, it increased in 2001-02. During the current year, the production of all the three crops is expected to be lower as compared to the previous year. This reflects the impact of severe drought, which adversely affected agricultural production and productivity in 2002-03.

(b): The agriculture production in the country is greatly influenced by the extent of rainfall and its temporal and spatial spread because about 60% of the net area sown is dependent on rains for water. However, the production of various crops shows a long-term upward trend, albeit with fluctuations.

In order to further improve the performance of the agriculture sector, the Government have taken a number of initiatives such as promotion of watershed development programmes, emphasis on developing and promoting new technologies, measures for increasing availability of agricultural credit, Market Information Network, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme etc. Besides, the Government also encourage farmers to increase production through price policy which includes implementation of Minimum Support Price and Market Intervention Schemes. Apart from these, the Government have also adopted macro-management mode for providing assistance to the States. The Macro-Management Scheme integrates 27 schemes into one for supplementing and complementing the efforts of State Governments through work plans. This gives flexibility to States to address specific problems faced by them depending on local requirements, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim at all-round development of agriculture.

(c): The State-wise estimates of production of paddy, sugarcane and wheat during 1999- 2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 are given in the Annexure. However, for 2002-03 no firm State-wise figures are available.

(d): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat fixed by the Government for the year 2002-03 is Rs.620 per quintal, which is the same as in 2001-02. However, the Government have announced one time Special Drought Relief of Rs.10 per quintal of wheat of 2002-03 season to be marketed in 2003-04.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 94 due for answer on 24.02.2003

Statewise Production of Paddy, Wheat and Sugarcane during 1999-2000 to 2001-02

('000 Tonnes)

State/ UT Paddy Wheat Sugarcane

99-2000 2000-01 2001-02 99-2000 2000-01 2001-02 99-2000 2000-01 2001-02

Andhra Pradesh	15956.7	18687.0	17085.0	9.0	8.0	10.0	18508.0	17690.1	17607.5
Arunachal Pr	202.2	199.1	201.9	5.1	6.2	5.3	-	-	-
Assam	5791.5	5997.8	5781.6	98.0	85.7	85.3	1155.0	988.0	1011.4
Bihar	10877.9	12246.3	7922.4	4687.1	4438.0	4383.6	4088.5	3987.6	5818.3
Chattisgarh	3554.0	7698.9	79.5	99.1	8.6	10.2			
Goa	313.4	213.2	189.8	-	-	-	68.4	72.8	70.6
Gujarat	1477.4	709.1	1543.1	1020.0	649.0	1144.7	14066.2	12694.7	12464.6
Haryana	3874.5	4042.5	4086.0	9650.0	9669.0	9437.0	7640.0	8170.0	9330.0
Himachal Pr	180.6	187.4	206.1	583.3	251.3	604.2	67.4	60.5	82.7
J & Kashmir	586.7	622.3	632.7	434.3	148.7	343.1	0.4	0.0	0.0
Jharkhand	2467.1	2467.1	103.6	103.6	144.9	144.9			
Karnataka	5572.3	5767.2	4755.0	217.6	244.0	196.0	37566.9	42923.5	33754.0
Kerala	1156.2	1127.0	1072.7	-	-	-	578.8	275.6	275.6
Madhya Pradesh	9564.8	1473.2	2495.4	8685.2	4869.4	5632.3	1991.0	1660.4	2090.0
Maharashtra	3838.4	2893.8	3977.0	1436.1	948.0	1077.0	53143.0	49589.0	45140.0
Manipur	547.5	572.6	581.0	-	-	-	21.2	24.2	21.2
Meghalaya	273.2	268.6	270.2	7.0	6.9	6.9	0.2	0.2	0.5
Mizoram	132.6	155.6	158.8	-	-	-	1.5	6.4	9.4
Nagaland	220.7	345.0	356.0	12.5	10.0	15.0	30.0	35.0	50.0
Orissa	7780.5	6990.0	10831.3	7.7	12.9	10.6	1080.3	963.9	647.7
Punjab	13010.0	13731.0	13224.0	15910.0	15551.0	15499.0	6770.0	7770.0	8818.0
Rajasthan	378.9	233.6	270.1	6731.9	5547.1	6389.0	786.8	561.3	432.1
Sikkim	35.1	32.1	33.5	12.8	10.1	9.8	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	11298.2	11049.5	10309.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	34285.0	33188.0	36335.7
Tripura	758.6	770.1	913.3	2.4	2.2	18.0	51.3	54.1	52.2
Uttar Pradesh	19846.5	17518.9	18687.8	25976.4	25168.3	25018.5	115418.9	106067.5	116218.5
Uttaranchal	932.3	921.6	714.6	734.8	7349.2	7555.3			
West Bengal	20638.8	18642.0	22885.1	850.8	1058.6	961.5	1762.8	1465.6	1983.4
A & N Islands	42.6	48.3	41.0	-	-	-	4.7	4.7	2.4
D & N Haveli	32.9	29.9	29.0	0.9	0.8	0.6	-	-	-
Delhi	10.1	7.5	8.9	30.8	97.9	29.4	-	-	-
Daman & Diu	8.4	4.8	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pondicherry	89.1	95.3	93.5	-	-	-	237.6	200.4	170.2
All India	134496.3	131614.1	139735.0	76368.9	69680.9	71814.3	299323.9	295956.2	300096.4

- = Nil/ Negligible.

For the Year 1999-2000 the production figures of Chattisgarh are included in Madhya Pradesh. The figures for Jharkhand are included in Bihar and figures for Uttaranchal included in Uttar Pradesh.